

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86775

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of  
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
For Authority to Change Rules and  
Service in Placer County, California.

Application No. 55592  
(Filed March 28, 1975)

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Company, interested party.  
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Commission staff.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On March 28, 1975 Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) filed its Application No. 55592 requesting the Commission's authorization to deny service to customers not previously served by Southwest pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3(a) and Rule 11(c) of its currently effective California tariff schedules. Hearings were held in Tahoe City on June 5 and 6, 1975. Coincidentally with the hearing the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Board) issued an order which had the effect of banning all new construction in Southwest's Placer County service area because no additional sewer hook-ups were to be permitted for a period of not fewer than ninety days.

Since the hearing several events have occurred which Southwest believes require that this application for a new customer moratorium in northern California be dismissed. The primary reason

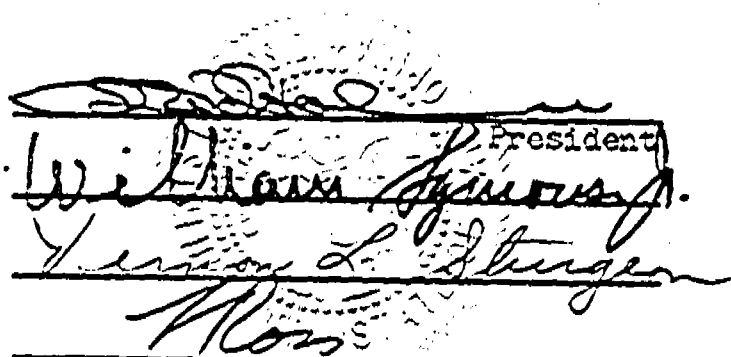
for the application was that Southwest did not have the financial resources necessary to construct and maintain a compressor station which would allow it to meet its peak day requirements to its firm customers in northern California. Southwest has been successful in several financing endeavors since March 1975 and in July 1976 the required compressor station was completed and placed in service. The Lahontan Board's order has been lifted, allowing new sewer connections. Therefore, the reasons relied on by Southwest for requiring a moratorium on new customer connections in its northern California service area no longer exist.

Accordingly, Southwest has requested by petition filed September 28, 1976 that this application be dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 55592 is dismissed.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of DECEMBER, 1976.

  
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President

Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.